

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(7)

TO: Honorable Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: June 17, 2014

FROM: R. A. Cuevas, Jr.
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution encouraging
increased awareness and
education of male breast
cancer; encouraging financial
and volunteer support for male
breast cancer research and care

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa.



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Please note any items checked.

- ☐ "3-Day Rule" for committees applicable if raised
- ☐ 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- ☐ 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- ☐ Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- ☐ Budget required
- ☐ Statement of fiscal impact required
- ☐ Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Mayor's report for public hearing
- ☒ No committee review
- ☐ Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's ____, 3/5's ____, unanimous ____) to approve
- ☐ Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required

Approved _____ Mayor

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Veto _____

6-17-14

Override _____

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING INCREASED AWARENESS
AND EDUCATION OF MALE BREAST CANCER;
ENCOURAGING FINANCIAL AND VOLUNTEER SUPPORT
FOR MALE BREAST CANCER RESEARCH AND CARE

WHEREAS, although breast cancer is a disease that predominately affects women, men can and do develop the disease, with one man being diagnosed for every 100 women; and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society estimates that in 2014, approximately 2,360 new cases of invasive male breast cancer will be diagnosed and about 430 men will die from the disease; and

WHEREAS, the mortality rate for breast cancer is higher among men than women, primarily because men are often diagnosed at a later stage than women, when their breast cancer has become more aggressive and is more likely to spread to other parts of the body; and

WHEREAS, men tend to be diagnosed at a later stage than women in large part because awareness among men is lower and they are less likely to suspect unusual signs in their breasts as cancer, which can cause a delay in seeking treatment; and

WHEREAS, because breast cancer is relatively rare among men, there are very few comprehensive studies about how to most effectively treat the disease, and as a result, doctors generally revert to treating breast cancer in men the same way they treat it in women; and

WHEREAS, early detection is often the key to a positive prognosis for men with breast cancer; and

WHEREAS, raising awareness and education among both the public and health care providers about male breast cancer is crucial to facilitating earlier detection, improving the

prognosis of men who have been diagnosed with the disease, developing more effective means of treatment, and ultimately preventing further loss of life; and

WHEREAS, this Board wishes to raise local awareness about male breast cancer, to help educate the community about the importance of early detection, and to encourage Miami-Dade County residents to provide both financial and volunteer support for male breast cancer research and care,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board:

Section 1. Encourages Miami-Dade County residents to learn more about male breast cancer, the importance of early detection, and effective treatments.

Section 2. Further encourages Miami-Dade County residents to provide both financial and volunteer support for male breast cancer research and care, such as by participating in events that increase male breast cancer awareness and raise funds for male breast cancer medical research.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa. It was offered by Commissioner _____, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Rebeca Sosa, Chairwoman

Lynda Bell, Vice Chair

Bruno A. Barreiro

Jose "Pepe" Diaz

Sally A. Heyman

Jean Monestime

Sen. Javier D. Souto

Juan C. Zapata

Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.

Audrey M. Edmonson

Barbara J. Jordan

Dennis C. Moss

Xavier L. Suarez

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 17th day of June, 2014. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

MSM

Michael J. Mastrucci